Boston, July 16, 1850.

My Dear Friend:

In regard to your inquiries about my attendance at conventional meetings during the month of August, I think I may venture to say, (extraordinaries excepted,) that I will endeavor to attend each of the meetings specified in your letter.

The reason why G. W. B. suggested the month of August for the Convention at Northampton was, simply, to keep up a steady anti-slavery fire monthly in the Town Hall. I suppose it can easily be deferred a month longer, and will endeavor to make such an arrangement when I see him.

Are not Uxbridge and Woonsocket (seeing we have had a Convention at Blackstone) rather too near each other to hold meetings in them two consecutive Sundays? Perhaps not. I think we ought to have one in Woonsocket, certainly. Our friends in Feltonville deserve to have one in that quarter.

It is strongly desired that we should have one of our meetings in Fall River, and another in Valley Falls, R. I. I hope we shall do so in September.

Our meetings at Pawtucket were exceedingly well attended, and evidently gave great satisfaction. Burleigh and Pillsbury both spoke "in demonstration of the spirit, and with power."

My meeting in Providence, on Sunday evening, was a very large one, and the lecture was so well received as to be repeatedly applauded, in spite of the "holiness" of the hour. Nature will out.

In my opinion, two speakers are enough at any one convention. A third one is rather an embarrassment than an aid to the others, especially if there are auxiliary speakers on the spot; and, for one, I want others to participate in the discussions, besides the agents, even at the risk of getting "bored" occasionally. I like the old primitive method of doing up these things.

If Wendell and I should go to Andover, friend Pillsbury could easily be spared elsewhere, and I think to better advantage, because he would in that case have the day all to himself, and the people hearing anti-slavery truths would be proportionably multiplied. Besides, as he graduated at Andover, the rule holds good in regard to himself personally, that "a prophet hath no honor in his own country" — and there is, doubtless, a stronger prejudice against him there, on that account, than against some others. Unless Phillips can go to A., I would not attempt to hold a meeting there; for we shall have "a beggarly account of empty boxes," even with all his reputation as an orator to attract hearers.

I have not yet been able to see Theodore Parker, but asked Mr. Jackson to see him about going to Worcester, last Sunday. He forgot to do so. We will try to get word to him as soon as we can. I have little hope of his being with us.

I am glad you think of writing to Stetson, and also to Weiss. I hope they will both attend, and speak. Of course, you will proffer them their expenses.

I am happy to add, that our estimable friend Mary Grew, of Philadelphia, is in this city, and will go to Worcester with us, if her health will permit, and probably be among the speakers, though it is not best to promise this.

The selecting and printing of the Hymns I will attend to. I suppose you will see to the printing of the placards.

We shall not attempt any extra train of cars from Boston, I think, though we may need one in returning from Worcester, to leave at 5 o'clock, P. M., if such an arrangement can be made.

If we find that we have an abundance of speakers, the speeches must be short as convenient to do any justice to the ideas of each speaker.

Douglass is in Ohio; but, if he were at home, exceedingly pleasant as it would be to have him with us, I do not think a single speech would "pay" for the expenses incurred by such a journey.

With true regards to Mrs. May, and trusting all the members of your family are in the enjoyment of good health, I remain,

Yours, to the end, and beyond it,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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